



4 years in, Trump fondly recalls Trump Tower campaign launch

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NEW YORK (AP) — It was the escalator ride that would change history.

Four years ago on Sunday, Donald Trump descended through the pink marble and brass atrium of Trump Tower to announce his candidacy for president, the first step on a journey few believed would take him all the way to the White House.

It turns out the 2015 event might not have happened, at least not on June 16. And the over-the-top staging that featured a crowd including paid actors could have been even more theatrical if one early idea hadn't been scrapped. (Trump nixed suggestions to feature a live elephant. "Too political," he decided.)

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In this Sunday, June 16, 2015, file photo, Donald Trump, accompanied by his wife Melania Trump, is applauded by his daughter Ivanka Trump, right as he's introduced before his announcement that he will run for president in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York.

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Now, the president who loves to reminisce about that "famous" Trump Tower moment is trying to recreate the magic as he formally launches his re-election bid Tuesday in Florida. Four years in, Trump still is echoing much of the same divisive rhetoric he let fly when he ditched the speech prepared for that original campaign kickoff.

His 2015 announcement, according to those involved in the effort, was a classic Trump production aimed at highlighting all the things that made Trump, well, Trump: his brashness, his wealth and his skill for lighting rhetorical fires and watching the press scramble to respond.

Trump had been in Europe playing golf the week before his scheduled announcement, with plans to return in time to go over remarks written by his ragtag team of early staffers.

"I get a call while he is in Europe and he asked, 'What do you think about postponing this a little?'" recalled Sam Nunberg, an early campaign adviser. But the press already had been invited, trips to early-



In this May 20, 2019 file photo, President Donald Trump gestures to the crowd as he finishes speaking at a campaign rally in Montoursville, Pa.

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voting states planned and the timing — a day after assumed front-runner Jeb Bush's announcement — seemed ideal.

And there was fear among advisers that any delay would trigger talk of cold feet about a campaign some observers doubted would ever happen because Trump had already flirted with, but then bailed on, previous bids.

"I tell him, 'We can't do that. We have set this date. If we postpone it, it would be covered that you got cold feet and you would not be taken seriously,'" said Nunberg. "I told him that postponing would be like Madonna not performing at MSG on a show day," referring to New York's Madison Square Garden.

So the show went on. Trump and his wife, Melania, emerged from an upper level of Trump Tower and descended the "famous" escalator, with the future president offering thumbs-ups and waves. It was a scene Trump had carefully crafted, paying frequent visits to the lobby as crews worked through the night to erect press risers, build the stage he would stand on and polish every inch of marble and brass.

A speech had been written. But Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, wrote in his book, "Let Trump Be Trump," that the candidate "gave a quick look at the sheet of paper Corey handed him, folded it up, and put it in his breast pocket, never to look at it again."

Four years later Trump remembers it fondly.

"I never forget standing on the famous escalator, you know the escalator, right?" he likes to tell crowds. "Remember the scene with Melania in front of me waving very elegantly and Trump coming down, waving less

elegantly? But I just took a deep breath and I said, 'Let's go do it. Let's make this country great,' because it takes guts. It takes guts. And I'm so glad I did it." And four years later, the speech Trump delivered, following an introduction from his eldest daughter, Ivanka, sounds just like one he would deliver today.

"Our country is in serious trouble. We don't have victories anymore," Trump told the crowd, railing against China for "killing us on trade" and promising to build a "great, great wall" along the U.S.-Mexico border that the American ally would pay for, "Mark my words."

"When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best," Trump said in one infamous line. He panned Obama-era unemployment statistics as "full of nonsense" and described himself as "really rich."

"He's doing exactly what he said he was going to do, and as a result of what he said he was going to do, he got elected," said George Gigicos, who was hired to produce the 2015 event and went on to serve as advance director for both the campaign and at the White House.

Trump, said Roger Stone, another longtime adviser, "orchestrated every minute detail of his announcement," including vetoing a suggestion from his former

personal attorney Michael Cohen to decorate the lobby with red, white and blue bunting and feature a live elephant to add to the circus. Trump "decided to come down the escalator and worked from his own handwritten notes rather than a prepared text," said Stone, insisting that, "then, as now, Donald Trump does not have handlers or managers or chief strategists." That included scrapping aides' ideas on what he should wear.

"He asked me about a black suit. I said, 'Yes, that's iconic, that's 'The Apprentice,'" recalled Nunberg. Trump disagreed. "He said, 'You're a moron. Blue is better. It works better with the flags.' He was right."

Trump was thrilled with the speech's reception and later remarked on how successful the day had been for his brand. "How great is this for Trump?" Nunberg recalled the candidate saying at one point.

It helped, of course, that some in the crowd had been paid to be there. Extras were offered \$50 to "wear t-shirts and carry signs and help cheer" in support of Trump's announcement, according to a casting call email obtained by The Hollywood Reporter.

The ploy was first discovered by Angelo Carusone, now president of the progressive Media Matters group. Carusone said after the event, he was struck that, at a time of selfie obsession, he couldn't find anyone who had posted photos of themselves attending the event.

"That was weird," he remembered thinking. "People who care about a presidential press announcement are going to post selfies," he said. He finally came across a single photo posted by a man who worked as an extra and taken with a woman who appeared to do the same. Trump's campaign has never acknowledged knowingly hiring actors, but did acknowledge paying \$12,000 to Gotham Government Relations, a firm that was said to have hired the Extra Mile Inc. casting company, according to a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission. □

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Census says more than 60% of U.S. men are fathers

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Fathers in the U.S. tend to be better educated than men without children, and relatively few men have children over age 40.

These are some of the conclusions in a report released this week by the U.S. Census Bureau, just in time for Father's Day.

The data in the report come from 2014 when the bureau for the first time asked both men and women about their fertility histories. The goal of the report was to shed greater light on men's fertility, a topic less known than that of women's fertility, according to the Census Bureau.

"In recent decades, there has been growing public and academic interest in fathers and fatherhood given the importance of fathers in children's lives," the report said.

It found more than 60% of the 121 million adult men in the U.S. were fathers.

About three-quarters of fathers were married. Almost 13% of dads were divorced and 8% had never been married.

Just under a quarter of U.S. men between ages 40 and 50 were childless, and about 17% had never been married by the time they were in their 40s. Both figures were noticeably higher than for women who had reached middle age. Just under 16% of women between ages 40 and 50 were childless, and 14% had never been married, according to the report.

There were also noticeable

differences in workforce participation between fathers and mothers with young children. Nearly 90% of fathers whose youngest child was under age 6 were employed, while that figure was only around 60% for mothers, according to the report. There was no difference between the sexes for childless men and women.

Men with children tended to be more educated than those without kids, although the report noted that may be the result of age since the chances of becoming fathers and reaching higher-education levels increases with age. Fatherhood also varied by race, ethnic background and age.

Almost 30% of Hispanics in their 20s were fathers. That was true for about a quarter of black men, more than a fifth of white men and an eighth of Asian men.

By the time men were in their 40s, those disparities had narrowed. More than 83% of Hispanics were fathers, around 80% of black and Asian men were dads and around three-quarters of white men were fathers. □

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In this June 21, 2009 file photo, fans tour in front of the scoreboard in Fenway Park in Boston in celebration of Father's Day following a baseball game between the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox.

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Alabama orders 'chemical castration' of some child molesters



In a Feb. 12, 2014 file photo, Rep. Steve Hurst, R-Munford, watches discussion on the house floor in the Alabama Statehouse in Montgomery, Ala.

Associated Press

By KIM CHANDLER
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Some Alabama sex offenders who abuse young children will have to undergo "chemical castration" while on parole, under a new law, but the requirement has prompted legal concerns and appears to be rarely used in some states that allow it.

The procedure uses medications that block testosterone production in order to decrease sex drive. The Alabama law says sex offenders whose crimes involved children between ages 7 and 13 must receive the medication before being released from prison on parole. Alabama doesn't allow parole for sex crimes involving children 6 and un-

der.

After Gov. Kay Ivey's office announced Monday she had signed the bill, some legal groups raised questions. Randall Marshall, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, said there are constitutional concerns with forced medication. Dillon Nettles, a policy ana-

lyst with the ACLU of Alabama, said the law harkens back to a "dark time" in history.

"It presents serious issues, involving involuntary medical treatment, informed consent, privacy and cruel and unusual punishment," Nettles said.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Steve Hurst of Munford, scoffs at that kind of talk.

"How in the world can it be any more cruel and inhumane than to molest a child? I want someone to answer that one for me, but they can't," Hurst said. Hurst said he hopes the medication will protect children by stopping abusers from reoffending.

At least seven states have laws authorizing chemical castration in some form. But its effectiveness can vary.

The hormonal treatment can be useful for a subgroup of offenders whose crimes are driven by sexual attraction to children and want to reduce those urges, said Dr. Frederick Berlin, who treats patients with sexual disorders at Johns Hopkins Hospital and at an independent clinic. However, he has concerns about a blanket criminal justice approach without evaluating the appropriateness in each case.

"Speaking now as a physician, I think it's absolutely inappropriate to use a medical treatment as a criminal sanction," Berlin said.

He said it's not effective for people whose crimes were driven by drugs, mental illness or other issues.

"These laws tend to go on the books because people understandably are frightened. They want to protect children which I hope every reasonable person wants to do," Berlin said.

"At its worst, I think the motivation, if we are just going to say it crudely: 'We are just going to castrate the bastard.' Or at its best it's a misunderstanding, and lack of understanding when it would and when it wouldn't be medically appropriate."

The stereotypical child mo-

lester is male, but a fraction of sex offenders are women. Berlin said the situation is more complicated for women because of hormonal balance involved in the menstrual cycle and maintaining pregnancy, but treatment with a drug like Depo-Provera has been used to help some women gain better sexual self-control.

California was the first state to pass such a law in 1996. Ike Dodson, a spokesman with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, said it's rarely used there. Two parolees are currently receiving treatment. Dodson said one of them is mandated to receive it under law, and the other requested it voluntarily.

Prison officials in Montana and Louisiana told The Associated Press last year that they're aware of only one case in each state in the last decade in which a judge ordered the treatment. Texas even allows repeat sex offenders to opt for surgical castration. Texas and Florida did not have numbers immediately available on use.

Georgia had a chemical castration statute but repealed it. Oregon also had a pilot program chemical castration but it was repealed.

The Alabama law says a judge shall order the treatment as a condition of release and will require parolees to receive an initial dose of medication before leaving prison, and to receive additional doses after leaving. A judge would decide when they could stop. They would be billed for the medication, although fees could be waived for those who couldn't afford it. The law also says an Alabama Health Department employee must administer the medication after an inmate's release from prison. Lawmakers say it's constitutional because it only applies when an inmate seeks release on parole. Inmates who opt to serve their entire sentence would not have to take the medication. □

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Summer camp is newest front in battle with measles outbreak

By MICHAEL HILL

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The battle to contain the worst U.S. measles outbreak in 27 years has a new front: summer camp.

Vaccinations have been made mandatory this summer for campers and staff in several counties north of New York City that annually fill up with kids from the Orthodox Jewish communities that have been hit hardest by measles.

Ulster County took the extra step of mandating the measles vaccine or proof of immunity at all day camps and overnight camps, becoming the latest county in the area to issue immunization requirements. Rockland County announced a similar order this month, following mandates from Sullivan and Orange counties. "We have to make sure our t's are crossed and our i's are dotted in making sure all these vaccination records are in and have been fine-combed through to make sure everything is in compliance," said Rabbi Hanoch Hecht, of Ulster County's Camp Emunah, which hosts many girls from a Chabad community in Brooklyn's Crown Heights.

"In the past where we accepted religious exemptions for certain things," said Hecht, who is getting his own blood checked for immunity, "now we cannot." The state of New York requires summer camps to keep immunization records for all campers, but doesn't bar children from attending if they haven't gotten a measles shot.

Children are required to get the measles vaccine to attend schools in New York, however, and Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation Thursday eliminating an exemption for kids whose parents object to vaccinations on religious grounds.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that, as of June 1, more than 1,000 measles cases had been reported in the U.S. since the start of the year, up from fewer than 100 cases a year a decade ago. The bulk of

those cases have been diagnosed in ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn and suburban Rockland County.

The CDC recommends everyone over a year old should get the vaccine, except for people who had the disease as children. Those who have had measles are immune.

The vaccine, which became available in the 1960s, is considered safe and highly effective — paving the way for measles to be declared all but eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. But it has had a resurgence several times, including 667 cases in 2014.

Hecht and others stressed that vaccinations are widely accepted by most members of the Orthodox community, echoing rabbis in Brooklyn and Rockland County who say it is a relatively small group of parents influenced by anti-vaccination propaganda — not religious teachings — who have resisted inoculations.

The Orthodox Union said it has previously required up-to-date vaccinations, including the MMR vaccine, for its 37 summer programs. "Most of the leaders and rabbis have taken the approach that vaccination is required," Hecht said.

Health officials in New York City have taken a tough approach, making measles vaccinations mandatory for everyone living in the Brooklyn neighborhood that is the epicenter of the outbreak, fining people for failing to get inoculated and closing 12 schools for failing to exclude staff and students who couldn't document immunity. The city announced the two most recent closures Thursday.

Now, as schools prepare to close down for the summer, the fight is spreading into the Catskills and Hudson River Valley.

Sullivan County is in the heart of the traditional Borscht Belt, and the lake-laden area still attracts thousands to its camps and bungalow colonies each summer. Of the 170 state-regulated camps in the

county, 139 are Orthodox Jewish camps.

"We draw such a population from New York City, where this measles outbreak was," Sullivan County spokesman Dan Hust said. "It was considered prudent and wise."

Not everyone agrees. The orders from Sullivan and Orange counties were challenged in state courts by parents of various religious faiths. However, civil rights attorney Michael Sussman said Friday he believes those cases will have to be withdrawn given New York's removal of religious exemptions.

Several camp administrators interviewed by The Associated Press expressed no objection to mandatory vaccinations.



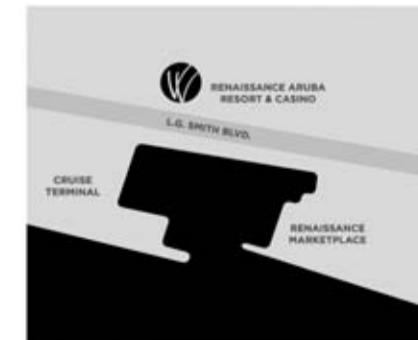
In this July 1, 2014 file photo, Orthodox Jewish girls walk to waiting buses after summer day camp in Kiryas Joel, N.Y. Kiryas Joel is a tightly packed Hasidic enclave surrounded by suburbia in the Hudson Valley.

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"We have no issue with that," said Yoel Landau, director at Camp Rav Tov, a camp for Hasidic boys in Monticello. Landau said schoolboys from New York City attending the camp should have already been vaccinated because of the city's order in April. □



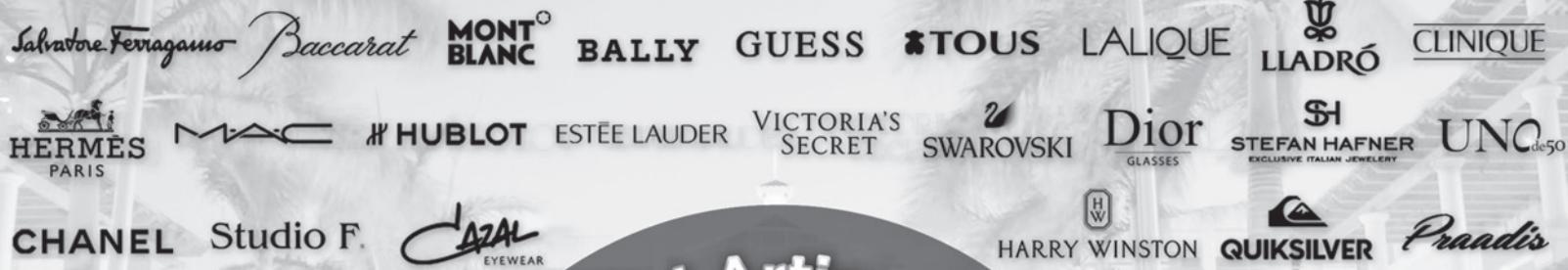
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Record number of African migrants coming to Mexican border

By ANDREW SELSKY and PATRICK WHITTLE

PORLAND, Maine (AP) — Undaunted by a dangerous journey over thousands of miles, people fleeing economic hardship and human rights abuses in African countries are coming to the U.S.-Mexico border in unprecedented numbers, surprising Border Patrol agents more accustomed to Spanish-speaking migrants.

Officials in Texas and even Maine are scrambling to absorb the sharp increase in African migrants. They are coming to America after flying across the Atlantic Ocean to South America and then embarking on an often harrowing overland journey.

In one recent week, agents in the Border Patrol's Del Rio sector stopped more than 500 African migrants found



In this June 13, 2019 photo, Prince Pombo speaks about his family's journey as migrants from Africa, at the Portland Exposition Building in Portland, Maine.

Associated Press

walking in separate groups along the arid land after splashing across the Rio

Grande, children in tow. That is more than double the total of 211 African migrants who were detained by the Border Patrol along the entire 2,000-mile (3,200-kilometer) U.S.-Mexico border in the 2018 fiscal year.

"We are continuing to see a rise in apprehensions of immigrants from countries not normally encountered in our area," said Raul Ortiz, head of the U.S. Border Patrol's Del Rio sector.

The immigrants in Texas were mostly from the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Angola. Cameroonian have also been traveling up through Mexico and into the U.S. in

larger numbers and seeking asylum at ports of entry. On recent Saturday in Tijuana, there were 90 Cameroonian lined up to get on a waiting list to request asylum that has swelled to about 7,500 names. Also on the waiting list are Ethiopians, Eritreans, Mauritians, Sudanese and Congolese. Cameroonians generally fly to Ecuador because no visa is required and take about four months to reach Tijuana. They walk for days in Panama through dense jungle, where they are often robbed and held in government-run camps. They come from Cameroon's English-speaking south with horrifying stories of rape, murder and torture

committed since late 2016 by soldiers of the country's French-speaking majority, which holds power.

A few days after the big groups of African immigrants were apprehended in Texas, federal officials dropped off dozens of them in San Antonio. Officials in the Texas city sent out a plea for French-speaking volunteers for translating work "and most importantly, making our guests feel welcome."

Many were bused to Portland, Maine, about as far as one can get from the Mexican border and still be in the continental United States. Word has spread among migrants that the city of 67,000 is a welcoming place. Somali refugees were resettled in Portland in the 1990s.

A total of 170 asylum seekers arrived in recent days. Hundreds more are expected in an influx that City Manager Jon Jennings called unprecedented. With one shelter already full, a basketball venue called the Portland Exposition Building was converted into an emergency shelter. Portland officials tweeted Thursday that rumors some of the migrants are carrying the Ebola virus "are patently false," and said that as asylum seekers, they are in the United States legally. On Thursday afternoon, families in the Expo chatted in French and Portuguese as children kicked a soccer ball near rows of cots. □

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LAPD investigates officer's actions in Costco shooting

By STEFANIE DAZIO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Police Department is gathering evidence and video footage in an administrative investigation into an off-duty officer who shot and killed a man authorities say attacked him inside a Southern California Costco Wholesale warehouse store.

Authorities remained tight-lipped Sunday, not responding to requests for comment about what provoked the Friday night confrontation and whether anyone but the officer was armed. Two others were critically injured in the shooting in Corona, which is about 40 miles (64 kilometers) east of Los Angeles. The officer opened fire after Kenneth French, 32, of Riverside, "assaulted" him "without provocation" as the officer held his young child, Corona police said Saturday.

Bullets struck French and two of his family members, according to police. The officer was the only person who fired shots in the store, police said.

Rick Shureih, French's cousin, told The Press-Enterprise that he was a "gentle giant" who was mentally disabled.

Shureih also identified the other two victims as French's parents, Russell and Paola French, and said they remained in an intensive care unit Sunday. Authorities have not released their names.

French's family is seeking an attorney, Shureih said, and

declined to give specifics about his mental condition. French was "non-violent, non-aggressive, non-verbal," his cousin said, and "he has to be pretty much monitored."

"He's not the kind to trade words, so I don't believe that a verbal confrontation happened," Shureih said. The LAPD will continue its internal probe as Corona police and the Riverside County district attorney's office conduct a separate investigation into the shooting. The LAPD said Sunday it had no further information. Corona police and the district attorney's office did not respond to requests for comment Sunday.

Los Angeles Police Commission President Steve Soboroff said Sunday it is Chief Michel Moore's decision whether to put the officer on leave, but it remained unclear if that happened. The officer's identity has not been released. He was treated and released at a nearby hospital and his child was not injured.

The department's policies allow off-duty officers to carry concealed weapons as long as they are authorized for on-duty use, according to the LAPD manual.

Joseph Giacalone, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a retired New York City Police Department sergeant, said it's justifiable to use deadly force even in a crowded store if the attacker has a weapon.

"If the guy pulled out

a pocketknife and approaches him, game over," Giacalone said Sunday.

Police have not said if French had any weapons or if the officer identified himself as police before firing.

Giacalone said video footage from Costco's cameras and shoppers' cellphones will be critical to the dual investigations.

While it's not unusual for police to delay releasing information such as an officer's name in a shooting for safety reasons, Giacalone said it's important to get details out as quickly as possible.

"People start filling in the timelines for you" in the meantime, he said.

The shooting prompted a stampede of frightened shoppers, some who fled the store as others sought cover inside.

Witnesses reported seeing an argument between two people near a freezer section when shots rang out at least six times. □

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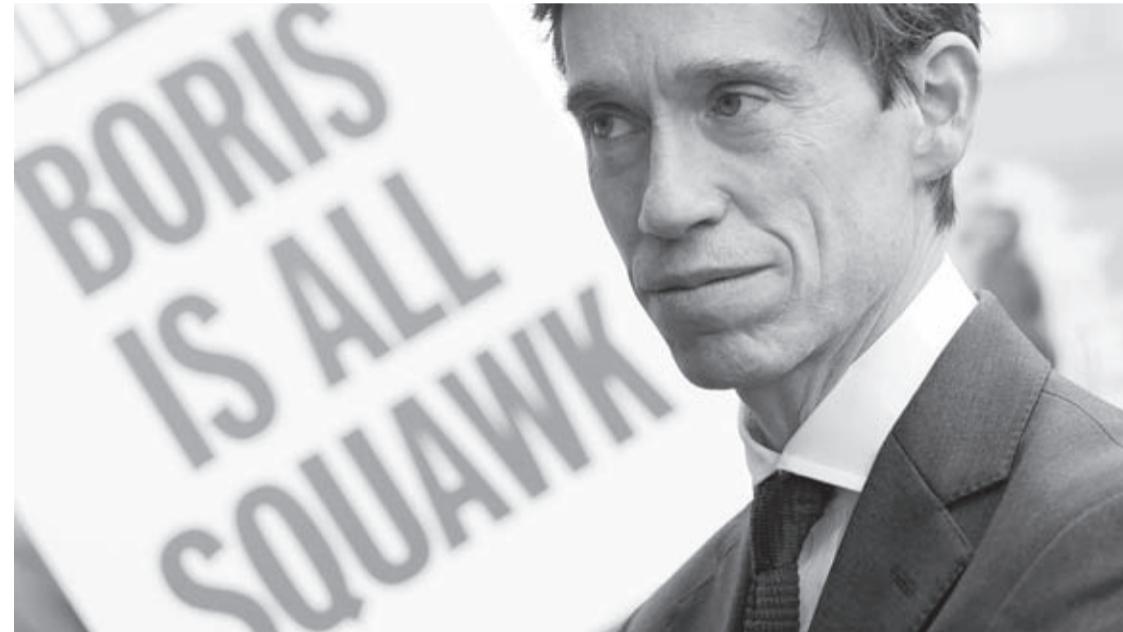
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LONDON (AP) — Candidates seeking to beat Boris Johnson and become Britain's next prime minister accused the Brexit-backing front runner of trying to avoid scrutiny after he refused to take part in a televised debate alongside his five rivals Sunday.

"Where is Boris?" Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt asked as he and four other contenders for Conservative Party leader faced questions about how exactly they would fulfill a key promise: to unblock the stalled Brexit process and lead Britain out of the European Union.

Broadcaster Channel 4 left an empty lectern on the debate stage for Johnson as the participating candidates argued they had a quality that many think the



A poster is brandished during a public demonstration as Conservative party leadership contender Rory Stewart arrives at the television studios ahead of a scheduled live television debate for the Conservative Party leadership candidates, in London, Sunday June 16, 2019.

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absent Tory politician lacks: trustworthiness.

"I believe I'm the candidate most trusted to get us out (of the EU) by the end of

October," Dominic Raab, a former Brexit Secretary, argued.

Hunt said the Conservatives must choose "a prime

minister that families up and down the country trust with their future."

Johnson, a former London mayor and foreign secre-

tary, has a commanding lead after last week's first round of voting by Tory lawmakers in the contest to replace Theresa May. She stepped down as party leader earlier this month after failing to secure Parliament's backing for her European Union divorce deal. An instantly recognizable figure, famous for his Latin quips and unruly blond hair, Johnson is admired by many Conservatives for his ability to energize voters. But others mistrust him for his long record of misleading and false statements, verbal blunders and erratic performance in high office. The 313 Tory lawmakers in the House of Commons are set to narrow the field of candidates in a series of votes this week, with the final two names put to a postal vote of about 160,000 Conservative members nationwide.

The winner, who will become party leader and prime minister, is due to be announced in late July. But some in the party say the membership vote could be skipped if Johnson is so far ahead that he looks unlikely to be beaten.

Others argue that would be a big mistake. May became prime minister in 2016 without a party vote, after all her rivals dropped out of the race. Critics say a more robust contest would have exposed her flaws as a leader before she got the top job.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid, who is also running, said that "as Conservatives, we should embrace competition over coronation." □

Extinction Rebellion postpones Heathrow drone protest plan



In this Thursday, April 25, 2019 file photo, Extinction Rebellion climate change protesters hold up a banner near the Bank of England, in the City of London.

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LONDON (AP) — The environmental activist group Extinction Rebellion has postponed a plan to shut down London's Heathrow Airport with drones after it was criticized by politicians and police.

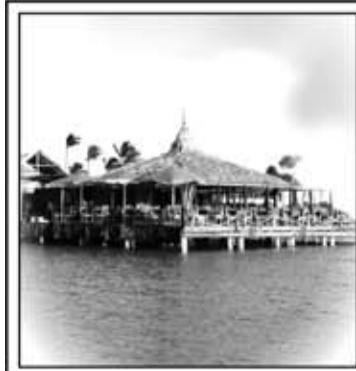
The group that demands faster action against climate change said Sunday it would "not be carrying out any actions at Heathrow Airport in June or July this year."

Details of the group's plan were leaked last month.

British Aviation Minister Charlotte Vere warned that "using drones to deliberately put people's safety at risk carries a maximum life sentence."

Extinction Rebellion said the allegation it was willing to endanger people's lives "is a depressing and predictable smear."

The group still aims to target the airport, Europe's busiest, but said it would not fly drones within flight-paths, and would give two months' notice so travelers could make other plans. □



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Istanbul mayoral candidates face off in rare debate

By ZEYNEP BILGINSOY

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — The two leading contenders for Istanbul mayor faced off in a political debate Sunday, a week before the city is set to hold a repeat of the election an opposition candidate won and Turkey's governing party successfully challenged.

Ruling party candidate Binali Yildirim and secular opposition candidate Ekrem Imamoglu argued during the live televised debate, a rarity in Turkey, over the election authority's decision to void the first mayoral election. Yildirim, a former Turkish prime minister, said the March 31 election had been "stolen" from him. Imamoglu, a former district mayor backed by the

Republican People's Party, or CHP, narrowly won the race to govern Turkey's largest city and commercial hub. He called Yildirim's claim "slanderous" and said he was the "elected mayor" who had been "cheated of rights."

Yildirim said the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, did not want to have the election repeated when it challenged the outcome. He claimed the rerun could have been avoided if there had been a full recount of all votes. The election authority's decision to void the vote came after weeks of partial recounts.

Fox TV journalist Ismail Kucukkaya moderated the 3-hour debate, a job that entailed managing heated



People watch a live broadcast of a televised debate between Istanbul's mayoral candidate Binali Yildirim, right, of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, and Ekrem Imamoglu, centre, candidate of the secular opposition Republican People's Party, or CHP, ahead of June 23 re-run of Istanbul elections, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

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moments such as when Yildirim repeatedly broke a debate rule of not talking over or directly responding to his opponent.

The candidates answered questions on an array of topics from the needs of young voters and women, to the economy and the

need for green spaces in the city of 15 million. They also pushed plans to deal with the large number of Syrian refugees in Istanbul as Turkey hosts more than 3.6 million Syrians.

Imamoglu is campaigning on a promise to end divisions and embrace all voters while vowing to put an end to what he describes as wasteful and excessive spending by the municipality, which has been controlled by the AKP and an Islamic-based predecessor for 25 years.

Yildirim is running with his track record as a former transport minister, saying his experience will improve city management and transport, decreasing commute times in the city overwhelmed by traffic. □

Zuzana Caputova inaugurated as 1st Slovak female president

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP)

— Liberal environmental activist and lawyer Zuzana Caputova was inaugurated Saturday as the first female president of Slovakia. Caputova took the oath of office at a special session of Parliament, becoming Slovakia's fifth president since it gained independence after the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993.

The 45-year-old has little experience in politics but attracted voters who are appalled by corruption and mainstream politics. Her election to the largely ceremonial post defied a wave of gains for far right populists across Europe.

"I'm not here to rule, I'm here to serve," Caputova said in her inauguration speech.

A lawyer by profession, Caputova became known for leading a successful fight against a toxic waste dump

in her hometown of Pezinok, for which she received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize in 2016. A divorced mother of two, she is in favor of gay rights and opposes a ban on abortion in this conservative Roman Catholic country.

She only recently became vice chairman of Progressive Slovakia, a new pro-EU party that won the recent European Parliament election in Slovakia.

Caputova resigned from her party post after winning the first round of the presidential vote.

Like her popular predecessor Andrej Kiska, who didn't run for a second term, she is firmly supporting Slovakia's membership in the European Union and NATO.

She said the EU and NATO give her country "happiness and privilege that (previous) generations could

only dream of."

Kiska backed Caputova in the presidential vote in March when she beat European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic in a runoff vote.

Kiska's five-year term in office was marked by clashes with populist former prime minister Robert Fico and his leftist party, a dominant political force that was tarnished by corruption scandals.

Caputova and Kiska had both supported the massive anti-government street protests last year following the slayings of an investigative reporter and his fiancee that led to the fall of Fico's coalition government. Investigators have linked Jan Kuciak's death to his work probing possible widespread government corruption. "I want to be the voice of those who are not heard," she said. □



New Slovak President Zuzana Caputova takes her presidential oath during a parliamentary session in Bratislava, Slovakia, Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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Saudi crown prince accuses rival Iran of tanker attacks

By AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in remarks published Sunday that the kingdom will not hesitate to confront Iranian threats to its security. He joined the U.S. in accusing its bitter rival Iran of being behind the attacks on two oil tankers traveling near the Strait of Hormuz, a vital trade route for Arabian energy exports. Tensions in the Persian Gulf have escalated since the U.S. sent an aircraft carrier strike group and other military assets to the region in what it says is defensive posturing against alleged Iranian threats. The crisis takes root in the Trump Administration's decision to reimpose punishing economic sanctions on Tehran and its oil exports, after unilaterally withdrawing the U.S. from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.



A fishing boat speeds past an oil tanker in the distance in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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The U.S. alleges Iran used limpet mines to target the tankers on Thursday, pointing to black-and-white footage it captured that American officials describe as an Iranian Revolutionary Guard vessel removing an

unexploded mine from the Japanese-operated tanker Kokuka Courageous. The Japanese tanker's crewmembers appeared to contradict the assertion that mines were used. They described "flying objects"

as having targeted the vessel.

In his first public comments regarding the attacks, the powerful Saudi prince, who is also defense minister and oversees all major levers of power in the country,

said the incident "confirms the importance of our demands of the international community to take a decisive stance" against Iran's behavior.

"The kingdom does not seek war in the region," the prince said, speaking with the Arabic-language newspaper Asharq al-Awsat. "But we will not hesitate to deal with any threat to our people, sovereignty and vital interests."

The prince claimed Iran had planned the attack's timing to undercut the Japanese prime minister's diplomatic efforts, during his visit to Tehran last week, to reduce regional tensions. He did not offer any evidence to back up the allegation.

"The problem is in Tehran and not anywhere else," he added. "Iran is always the party that's escalating in the region, carrying out terrorist attacks and criminal attacks either directly or through its militias." □

Libya's Sarraj calls for elections in 2019 to end war

CAIRO (AP) — The head of Libya's U.N.-supported government on Sunday proposed holding nationwide elections to end the war in the North African country, as the forces of the rival military commander Khalifa Hifter continue their two-month-long battle to take the capital, Tripoli.

Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj told a news conference in Tripoli, the seat of his administration, that he is proposing a "Libyan forum" aimed at finding a peaceful solution to the conflict. The talks would draw up a roadmap for parliamentary and presidential elections to be held before the end of 2019.

There are fears that the battle for Tripoli could ignite a civil war on the scale of the violence after the 2011 uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Libya is divided between the weak government of al-Sarraj in the west, and Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter,



In this Jan. 30, 2019 file photo, Prime Minister of Libya Fayez al-Sarraj addresses media during a press conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

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whose self-styled Libyan National Army holds the east and much of the south. Hifter opened a military offensive on the capital in early April, advancing on the city's southern out-

skirts and clashing with militias loosely affiliated with the U.N.-recognized government.

Hifter has presented himself as a strong hand who can restore stability. In re-

cent years, his campaign against Islamic militants across Libya has won him growing international support from world leaders who say they are concerned the North African country

has turned into a haven for armed groups, and a major conduit for migrants bound for Europe. His opponents view him as an aspiring autocrat and fear a return to one-man rule.

Al-Sarraj said all Libyans who "call for a peaceful and democratic solution" would take part in his proposed talks. There would be "no place for those who seek tyranny and dictatorship," he added, while calling on the U.N. to support the forum and to oversee elections. He did not say whether Hifter or his representatives would be included. The two sides last held talks in the United Arab Emirates in February.

Al-Sarraj also demanded an international probe into alleged "war crimes and crimes against humanity," since Hifter launched his offensive. The fighting for Tripoli has killed over 650 people, including combatants and civilians, according to the World Health Organization. □

Massive protests draw apology from Hong Kong leadership

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

ELAINE KURTENBACH

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong citizens marched for hours Sunday in a massive protest that drew a late-in-the-day apology from the city's top leader for her handling of legislation that has stoked fears of expanding control from Beijing in this former British colony.

The demonstration looked likely to match in scale one a week earlier that brought as many as 1 million people out to express their concern over Hong Kong's relations with mainland China in one of the toughest tests of the territory's special status since China took control in a 1997 handover.

Well after dark, crowds gathered outside the police headquarters and Chief Executive Carrie Lam office. On Saturday Lam suspended her effort to force passage of the bill, which would allow some suspects to be sent for trial in mainland China.

The move did not appease Hong Kong residents angered over the plan who see it as one of many steps chipping away at Hong Kong's freedoms and legal autonomy. Opponents worry the law could be used to send criminal suspects to China to potentially face vague political charges, possible torture and unfair trials.

Protesters are also angered over forceful tactics by police in quelling unrest at a June 12 demonstration.

Periodically, the shouts of the protesters standing shoulder-to-shoulder in front of the police headquarters would crescendo in a roar that reverberated through the narrow concrete canyons of the red-light district of Wanchai.

Smaller crowds stood chanting outside Lam's office building.

The statement issued late Sunday said mentioned the demonstrations and said the government "understands that these views have been made out of love and care for Hong

Kong."

"The chief executive apologized to the people of Hong Kong for this and pledged to adopt a most sincere and humble attitude to accept criticisms and make improvements in serving the public," it said. The marchers want Lam to scrap the extradition bill, which is supported by the communist leadership in Beijing, and to resign.

The crowds filled a wide thoroughfare and side streets paralleling the waterfront of Victoria Harbor as tourists and shoppers who drive much of the Asian financial hub's economy looked on.

At the march's end, hundreds sat wearily around the city government headquarters. Some were singing. Some listening to speeches. Some just resting.

"Our demands are simple. Carrie Lam must leave office, the extradition law must be withdrawn and the police must apologize for using extreme violence against their own people," bank worker John Chow said as he marched with a group of his friends. "And we will continue."

Protesters have mainly focused their anger on Lam, who had little choice but to carry through dictates issued by Beijing, where President Xi Jinping has enforced increasingly authoritarian rule.

Many here believe Hong Kong's legal autonomy has been significantly diminished despite Beijing's insistence that it is still honoring its promise, dubbed "one country, two systems," that the territory can retain its own social, legal and political system for 50 years after the handover.

The rally drew marchers both young and old, some pushing strollers or carrying slumbering infants. Few wore face masks or seemed to be trying to hide their identities, in contrast with demonstrations Wednesday, when participants expressed worries



Tens of thousands of protesters carry posters and banners march through the streets as they continue to protest an extradition bill, Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Hong Kong.

Associated Press

over possible retribution from the authorities.

Protesters also are angry over the way police used tear gas, rubber bullets and other forceful measures as demonstrators broke through barricades outside the city government's headquarters in that smaller but more aggressive protest.

The police presence Sunday was considerably more relaxed, with officers deployed mainly to direct

traffic as the protesters wound their way through Hong Kong's commercial center from a sprawling downtown park to government headquarters.

Farther down the parade route, mourners lined up to lay flowers and pay respects at a makeshift memorial for a man who fell to his death Saturday after hanging a protest banner that read in part, "Make Love, No Shoot" and "No Extradition to China." □

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South America blackout leaves tens of millions without power

By PAUL BYRNE

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — A massive blackout left tens of millions of people without electricity in Argentina and Uruguay on Sunday after an unexplained failure in the neighboring countries' interconnected power grid. Authorities were working frantically to restore power, but by mid-afternoon about half of Argentina's 40 million people were still in the dark.

Voters cast ballots by the light of cell phones in gubernatorial elections in Argentina. Public transportation halted, shops closed and patients dependent on home medical equipment were urged to go to hospitals with generators.

"I was just on my way to eat with a friend, but we had to cancel everything. There's no subway, nothing is working," said Lucas Acosta, a 24-year-old Buenos Aires resident. "What's worse, today is Father's Day. I've just talked to a neighbor and he told me his sons won't be able to meet him."



A sign, which usually displays the price of various types of gas electronically, stands without power during a blackout, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

Associated Press

By mid-afternoon, power had been restored to most of Uruguay's 3 million people. But in Argentina, only about 50% of the nation's grid was back up and running, President Mauricio Macri said on Twitter, and officials from the Energy Secretariat were rallying to establish full service to all

users.

Argentina's power grid is generally known for being in a state of disrepair, with substations and cables that were insufficiently upgraded as power rates remained largely frozen for years.

The country's energy secretary said the blackout oc-

curred around 7 a.m. local time when a key interconnection system collapsed, but the causes were "being investigated and are not yet determined."

Brazilian and Chilean officials said their countries had not been affected.

Officials were not immediately available for com-

ment, but many residents of Argentina and Uruguay said the size of the outage was unprecedented in recent history.

"I've never seen something like this," said Silvio Übermann, a taxi driver in the Argentine capital. "Never such a large blackout in the whole country."

Argentine energy company Edesur said on Twitter that the failure originated at an electricity transmission point between the power stations in Yacyretá and Salto Grande in the country's northeast.

Uruguay's energy company UTE said the failure in the Argentine system cut power to all of Uruguay at one point and much of Argentina. The company said that some Uruguayan coastal cities had service by early afternoon and blamed the collapse on a "flaw in the Argentine network."

Argentina's secretary of energy said the power failed at 7:07 a.m. Only the southernmost province of Tierra del Fuego was unaffected.

"The cause is still under investigation," the energy secretary's office said. □

Guatemalans to choose president amid distrust, flight to US



Women walk on the pedestrian path next to campaign posters promoting the ruling party presidential candidate Estuardo Galámez, in Guatemala City, Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Guatemalans will vote for their next president Sunday in elections plagued by widespread disillusion and distrust, and as tens of thousands of their compatriots flee poverty and gang violence to seek a new life in the United States.

With 19 candidates in the race for president, and the winner needing an absolute majority, a runoff between the two top vote-getters is likely in August. The road to this presidential election has been a chaotic flurry of court rulings and

shenanigans, illegal party-switching and allegations of malfeasance that torpedoed the candidacies of two of the top three candidates.

Three of the last four elected presidents have been arrested post-presidency on charges of corruption. Graft allegations have also targeted current President Jimmy Morales and his inner circle, though he denies wrongdoing and has been protected from prosecution due to his immunity while in office.

A recent poll from CID Gal-

lup Latinoamerica found that nearly a third of Guatemalan adults surveyed believe the election will be plagued by fraud. Another 20 percent said the election's legitimacy would be suspect because so many candidates were kept from running.

The election marks the first time that Guatemalans can cast ballots from abroad: At least 60,000 are eligible to vote in Los Angeles, New York, Maryland and Washington, D.C., all home to large numbers of Guatemalan emigres. □

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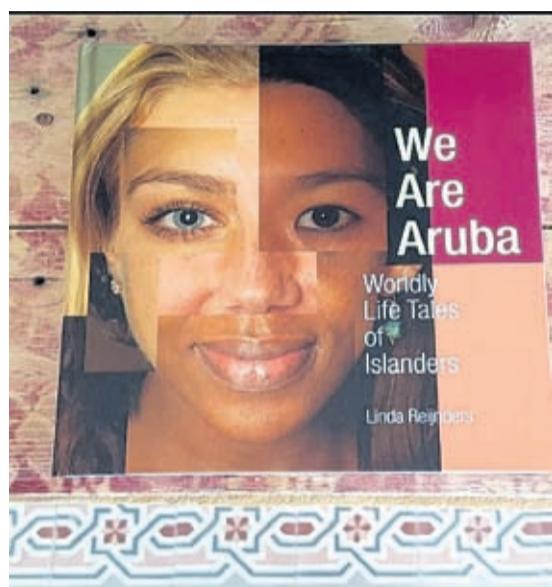


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Aruba Today dived into a local book store and wondered what Aruba books blow the visitor's mind. Sylvia Wouters, store manager at Bruna Book Store, gladly helped us out and informed us about a small selection of Happy Island miracles in pictures and words.

Aruba Point to Point by Fedrico Cabello

"Beautiful pictures of Aruba, this is a perfect coffee table book to dream away with", explains Sylvia. The book has 192 full color pages and more than 400 photos in a landscape format of 9.1 x 6.6 x 1.1 inches. In the words of the author: "Slipping beyond a dynamic tourist industry to discover its wild and undeveloped beauty.

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If you have ever visited Palm Beach for sure you have seen this amazing Aruba flag painted Buoy. Last year in July this buoy got a facelift and maintenance been done to this icon buoy in the heart of Palm Beach.

Growing up we used to swim to the buoy and do backflip like 40 times till we manage to land into the water at the precise moment. This historic monument is a piece of art and it's a must to take a picture of it before you leave our island.

Baby Beach



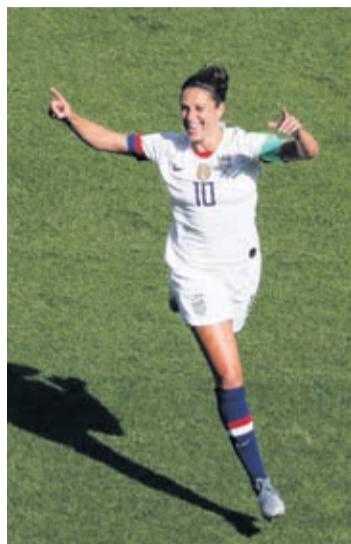
The name Baby beach fits just perfect for this beach because you can walk into the water for like 40 meters and still manage to have your shoulder above the water. At this beach you can swim, stay under the mangroves trees for day or go snorkeling. For snorkeling you must go into the water on your right hand close by the rocks and take some cookies to feed the fishes and in a few seconds you will see 100 beautiful fishes around you. It will be an amazing underwater show that you will remember forever. Baby beach also change in many shades of blue during the daytime as the sun goes its path. Every 3 hours you will see a different color and I suggest you to see it for yourself.

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There are over 300 prehistoric pictographs on our island and the easiest way to see them are at Guadakiri and Fontein caves in the Arikok National Park. Take also a stop at Ayo Rock formation to see more of the Caiquetio pictographs and learn more about the first Aruba inhabitants. I suggest you to visit the museum to get more information about the pictographs and how the Caiquetio lives on our island many centuries ago.

SPORTS



United States' Carli Lloyd celebrates after scoring the opening goal during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between the United States and Chile at the Parc des Princes in Paris, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

Lloyd scores 2 and the U.S. downs Chile 3-0 at the World Cup

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Carli Lloyd scored a pair of goals for the United States in a somewhat subdued 3-0 victory over Chile that advanced the defending Women's World Cup champions to the round of 16.

The Americans were criticized after their record-breaking 13-0 rout of Thailand when players celebrated goals even after the victory was well in hand. They were noticeably more muted in this one, and all three goals were in the first half.

Sweden also advanced out of Group F with a victory 5-1 victory over Thailand earlier Sunday in Nice. Japan, playing in Group D with England, also went through to the knockout stage because both the United States and Sweden won.

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MARCO SOLO



Red Sox rally late, beat Orioles 8-6

Boston Red Sox's Marco Hernandez follows through on a solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Baltimore.

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Woodland denies history with U.S. Open title at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP)

— Gary Woodland denied Brooks Koepka's bold bid at history with two clutch shots and made U.S. Open memories of his own, starting with that silver trophy in his hands at Pebble Beach. Woodland finished in style Sunday. He holed a 30-foot birdie putt for a 2-under 69, giving him the lowest 72-hole score in six U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach and a three-shot victory over Koepka, who was going for a third straight U.S. Open.

Koepka had to settle for a footnote in history as the first player with all four rounds in the 60s at the U.S. Open without winning. But he made Woodland earn every bit of his first major championship.

And he did.

Clinging to a one-shot lead with more pressure than he has ever felt, Woodland seized control by going for the green on the par-5 14th hole with a 3-wood from 263 yards, narrowly clearing a cavernous bunker and setting up a simple up-and-down for a two-shot lead.

Even more significant was a shot from 90 feet.



Gary Woodland celebrates with the trophy after winning the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Woodland hit the edge of the green on the par-3 17th all the way to the right, with the pin on the hourglass green on the other side. Ahead on the 18th, Koepka's 3-iron went just over the

back of the green, leaving him a chip for eagle to tie, with a birdie likely to do the trick considering what Woodland faced. Koepka chipped to just inside 10 feet and missed the putt.

Woodland delivered again. Unable to use putter to get it close, he perfectly clipped a pitch over the mound, and it checked about 12 feet short of the hole and trickled down to

tap-in range.

That effectively ended the U.S. Open. Woodland played conservatively down the 18th and made one last birdie that only mattered in the record book. He finished at 13-under 271, one shot better than Tiger Woods' historic rout in 2000.

The difference was Woods won by 15 shots and was the only player under par. With a marine layer blocking the sunshine, and no significant wind at Pebble Beach all week, 31 players finished under par.

Koepka closed with a 68 for his second runner-up in the majors this year, along with his second straight PGA Championship title.

Justin Rose was the only one who caught Woodland, with a birdie on the opening hole. Rose bogeyed from the bunker on No. 2, and fell out of the race with three bogeys in a four-hole stretch on the back nine. He shot 74 and shared third with Xander Schauffele (67), Jon Rahm (68) and Chez Reavie (71). Woods birdied six of his last 12 holes and was never a factor. □

Henderson wins Meijer LPGA to break Canadian victory record

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)

— Brooke Henderson won the Meijer LPGA Classic on Sunday to break the Canadian record for tour victories with nine.

The 21-year-old Henderson led wire-to-wire for her second victory in three years at Blythefield Country Club, closing with a 2-under 70 in chilly conditions to hold off Lexi Thompson, Nasa Hataoka, Su Oh and Brittany Altomare by a stroke.

Henderson broke a tie with Sandra Post for the Canadian record on the LPGA Tour and also moved ahead of George Knudson and Mike Weir for the overall country mark.

"That's really cool," Henderson said. "Earlier this year to get my eighth win and to tie that record was a huge deal for me. To now to kind of breakthrough that is awesome. I'm just re-



Brooke Henderson, of Canada, holds the championship trophy after winning the Meijer LPGA Classic golf tournament, Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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ally excited for the rest of the summer and hopefully many more wins in the future."

With caddie/sister Brittany and mother Darlene looking on, father Dave

sprayed her with champagne to celebrate.

"It's really special," Henderson said. "I'm so happy that both my mom and my dad can be out here to watch my sister and I win this. It's always special when they're here, especially on Father's Day."

Also the Lotte Championship winner in April in Hawaii, Henderson matched the tournament record of 21 under that she set in 2017 (when the course played to a par of 71) and also was tied last year by So Yeon Ryu. Henderson opened with consecutive 64s, playing 30 holes Friday after rain delayed the start Thursday, and had a 69 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead into the final round.

"It's a lot like the courses I grew up playing back home in Canada," Henderson said. "I love it out here.

Just trying to hit good shots and hopefully make a lot of birdies. Didn't make as many as I wanted, but just enough."

Her lead reduced to a stroke after a bogey on the par-4 16th, she three-putted the par-5 18th from 45 feet for the winning par.

"When I was walking up here I thought maybe I would have to birdie or eagle this hole to get the job done, but when I looked at the scoreboard I was sort of shocked that all I needed to do was three-putt and par," Henderson said. "I'm really grateful about that because I was shaking pretty bad on those last couple putts."

Thompson followed her course-record 62 in the third round with a 68, closing with an eagle for the second straight day. The 2015 winner at Blythefield,

she was coming off a victory last week in New Jersey.

"Unfortunately, I didn't hit it that great today, but I made some really good putts on my second nine," Thompson said. "I had a little bit of a muscle spasm in my shoulder all day, but it is what it is, you can't control that. So, overall great week." Hataoka shot 65, also making an eagle on the par-5 18th. Oh had a 66, and Altomare shot 68.

Jennifer Kupcho, four strokes behind Henderson entering the day, had a 76 to drop into a tie for 23rd at 11 under in her third professional start. The former Wake Forest star won the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur in April. The KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the third major championship of the year, is next week at Hazeltine in Minnesota. □

Red Sox use late rally, big 10th inning to beat Orioles 8-6

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP)—A comeback victory in a game that appeared to be lost enabled the Boston Red Sox to stroll out of Camden Yards feeling quite satisfied about where they stand at this point in the season.

Rafael Devers led off the 10th inning with a home run after Marco Hernandez tied it with a solo shot in the ninth, and Boston beat the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 Sunday to move a season-high five games over .500.

"Obviously we need to keep rolling and keep extending that," winning pitcher Brandon Workman said. "We set that goal for ourselves, and we were able to get it."

The Red Sox opened defense of their World Series



Boston Red Sox's Rafael Devers follows through on a solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the 10th inning of a baseball game Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Baltimore.

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title by losing their first four games this season and were 9-15 on April 23. Now they're 39-34 and within striking distance of the first-place Yankees in the AL

East.

"There's a good vibe," manager Alex Cora said. "We didn't come out of the blocks the way we wanted, but it's still a long race."

We're still in the hunt."

After winning the first two games of the series in blowout fashion, the Red Sox used some late heroics to complete the sweep and extend their winning streak to five.

Boston trailed 3-2 in the ninth before Hernandez connected off Mychal Givens, who avoided further damage by getting two straight strikeouts following a triple by Mookie Betts. In the 10th, however, Givens (0-4) served up a 1-0 pitch that Devers slammed far over the center-field wall. Betts and Christian Vazquez added two-out, two-run singles off David Hess, who was optioned to Triple-A Norfolk after the game.

"It was one of those that it

was going to be an ugly loss, whatever, but now it's a great win," Cora said.

Brandon Workman (5-1) worked the ninth for the Red Sox. Boston's eighth pitcher, Josh Smith, gave up a two-run homer to Stevie Wilkerson and a bases-empty drive to Trey Mancini in the 10th before sealing the win.

"Everybody kind of stepped up and did their job throughout the game," Workman said. "Offense kept grinding out at bats and we were able to take the lead and win it."

Orioles manager Brandon Hyde was ejected in the fourth inning after arguing a call that cost Baltimore a run. Keon Broxton was called out for running in the baseline after laying down a successful squeeze bunt, which by rule sent Anthony Santander back to third base. Richie Martin subsequently struck out to end the inning, leaving the Orioles down 2-1.

The score stayed that way until the eighth.

Baltimore was 1 for 13 with runners in scoring position when Jonathan Villar drew a leadoff walk from Marcus Walden. Villar stole second, then stole third as Chris Davis expressed his displeasure over a called third strike and Vazquez looped his throw from behind the plate to the mound.

Villar scored on a wild pitch before Wilkerson greeted right-hander Travis Lakins with a pinch-hit triple and came home on a single by Hanser Alberto.

The lead didn't last long. "Very strange game, but in the end it's a really tough loss," Mancini said. "Good clubs win those games, and hopefully soon, we'll do a better job of finishing games off."

Baltimore has lost five straight, is 9-28 at home and owns the worst record in the majors (21-50).

"We've had our fair share of tough losses this year. I've never seen a club go through so much in the first few months of the season," Hyde said. "But I really liked the way we played today. We battled back twice. □

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WORLD CUP

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Lloyd earned the start after coming off the bench in the opener, and in the 11th minute became the first player to score in six straight World Cup matches.

She added another on a header off a corner in the 35th minute for her 10th career World Cup goal, which moved her into third on the all-time U.S. list behind Abby Wambach (14) and Michelle Akers (12).

Four years ago at the World Cup in Canada, Lloyd scored three goals in the opening 16 minutes of the finale to lead the United States to a 5-2 victory over Japan for the team's third overall title.

She nearly got another hat trick — which would have made her the first player with two World Cups — but her penalty kick in the 81st minute went wide left.

"It's haunting me right now," Lloyd said. "Wasn't good enough."

The score could have been worse for Chile without unshakable goalkeeper Christiane Endler, who finished with six saves and fended off a flurry of U.S. shots in the second half.

"I think we would have definitely had a couple more in there if she had not come up with those big saves," Lloyd said.

Endler, who was named player of the match, lamented the loss to the defending champions afterward.

"I thought it was a good game that we played, but obviously you saw how complicated it was for us as a team," she said through a translator.

The Americans were blasted after their tournament-opening victory for the lopsided score, and over-enthusiastic celebration, and the controversy clouded the run-up to Sunday's game.



Chile goalkeeper Claudia Endler fails to stop the United States' second goal during the Women's World Cup Group F soccer match between the United States and Chile at the Parc des Princes in Paris, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

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Several of the American players reached out to their Thai counterparts following the match. Lloyd exchanged encouraging words and tweets with goalkeeper Sukanya Chor Charoenying, and FIFA posted an interview with Thailand's coach thanking the U.S. players for being professional and playing well.

The United States set records for goals and margin of victory against Thailand. Alex Morgan tied the World Cup record for most individual goals with five, and she was among a record seven different scorers in a single game.

After such a rout, Jill Ellis made sweeping changes to the starting lineup against Chile with a new front line: Lloyd, Christen Press and Mallory Morgan

was moved to the bench along with Megan Rapinoe and Tobin Heath.

Becky Sauerbrunn, who sat out of the match against Thailand because of a minor quad injury, returned and anchored a backline that included 20-year-old Tierna Davidson, who was making her World Cup debut. Davidson is the youngest player to start for the

United States in the World Cup since Tiffany Roberts against Norway in 1995.

Chile made just one lineup change, starting midfielder Claudia Soto in place of Yanara Aedo.

Chile lost its opener to Sweden 2-0 but goalkeeper Endler kept the Swedes out of the goal until 83rd minute. The second goal got past her in stoppage time. The 6-footer who plays for Paris Saint-Germain was

solid again against the U.S., which peppered her with shots.

Julie Ertz scored in the 26th minute with a header off a corner kick from Davidson that Endler got her hands on but couldn't stop. It was her first World Cup goal and came with her husband Zach Ertz, a tight-end for the Philadelphia Eagles, looking on.

Endler was able to prevent Lloyd from another attempt at a hat trick when she tipped the U.S. captain's shot over the net in the 72nd minute.

Former Vice President Joe Biden was among the U.S. team's well-wishers before the sold-out game at Parc des Princes stadium. Biden, who is running for President in 2020, referenced the team's lawsuit against U.S. Soccer alleging gender

discrimination and seeking equitable pay.

"As we cheer them on in the World Cup, we must support their fight off the field for equal pay. In 2019, it's past time we close the pay gap and ensure women get paid as much as men," Biden posted on Twitter.

U.S. soccer maintains that the two teams have different pay structures because of separate collective bargaining agreements.

The United States plays Sweden in Le Havre on Thursday to wrap up the group stage. It is the first meeting between the two teams since Sweden ousted the American from the quarterfinals at the 2016 Olympics.

Chile wraps up the group with a match against Thailand on Thursday in Rennes.



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Spanish driver Fernando Alonso, center, sprays champagne with teammates after winning the 87th 24-hour Le Mans endurance race, in Le Mans, western France, Sunday, June 16, 2019.

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Alonso leads Toyota to victory at 24 Hours Le Mans race

LE MANS, France (AP) —

Fernando Alonso won the 24 Hours Le Mans endurance race for the second straight year after the Toyota Gazoo team's other car came unstuck on Sunday. It was the two-time Formula One champion's last race in the World Endurance Championship, and also sealed the WEC title. Alonso and his co-drivers Sébastien Buemi and Kazuki Nakajima, who took the checkered flag, had luck on their side in securing the title.

With about one hour left, the Toyota No. 7 car driven by José María López had to pit for a tire change when comfortably leading. The driver was not sure whether it was a sensor or a suspected puncture, but his enforced stop effectively handed the race lead to Alonso's No. 8 car.

It was an identical result to last year with the No. 7 car — again featuring Kamui Kobayashi and Mike Conway — finishing second.

Although Toyota secured another 1-2, questions will be asked within the team about how No. 7 lost the race.

Buemi and Nakajima must have felt for them, too, having lost the 2016 race on the final lap after a me-

chanical failure.

"We really have the impression we didn't deserve the win. Unfortunately they punctured right near the end," Buemi told broadcaster Eurosport. "We're well placed to know how it feels because of what happened to us in 2016. We deserved the world title after all the work we've done this year, but the No. 7 deserved the win today."

Alonso echoed that.

"They really deserved the victory," he said. "Luck is a very important part of motorsport."

He should know after his McLaren team failed to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 following a calamitous series of errors.

The 37-year-old Spaniard still needs to win the Indianapolis 500 in order to match British driver Graham Hill's feat of completing the Triple Crown: winning Le Mans, the Monaco Grand Prix and the Indy 500. He has won Monaco and Le Mans twice, both of them back to back.

A total of 252,500 spectators attended the 87th edition of Le Mans, which was first held in 1923.

It was another frustrating result for Kobayashi, who drove four full seasons in F1 with one podium finish. □

Kobayashi was hit by a gear box failure overnight while comfortably leading the 2017 race and had to abandon.

On Saturday, he secured pole position in about 3 minutes, 15 seconds on the 13.6-kilometer (8.43-mile) track in northern France. Kobayashi's No. 7 car then led the first seven hours of the race, before Alonso's No. 8 briefly took the lead in the next hour.

Although No. 8 re-took the lead in the 11th hour, No. 7 quickly regained it and looked to have held it all the way. Until the late incident undid 23 hours of hard toil. The Toyota team quickly tweeted: "Dramatic and unexpected end to the race, but it's a TOYOTA one-two nonetheless. We feel so sorry for our #7 crew, but big congratulations to our new @FIAWEC World Champions and two-time Le Mans winners."

Two people familiar to Alonso finished in third place in the No. 11 SMP Racing car. One was Stoffel Vandoorne — his former F1 teammate at McLaren — and the other Vitaly Petrov. In the deciding race of the 2010 F1 championship, Alonso had a very good chance to seal a third world title. □



In this file photo dated Sunday, April 28, 2019, Denmark's Jakob Fuglsang from the Astana Pro team crosses the finish line to take first place in the Liege Bastogne Liege cycling race in Ans, Belgium.

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Fuglsang wins Critérium du Dauphiné for 2nd time

CHAMPERY, Switzerland

(AP) — Danish rider Jakob Fuglsang won the Critérium du Dauphiné race for the second time after keeping his overnight lead in Sunday's final stage.

The 2017 champion finished 20 seconds ahead of American rider Tejay van Garderen and 0:21 clear of Emanuel Buchmann of Germany in the standings. British rider Adam Yates, who was eight seconds behind Fuglsang in second place overnight, pulled out with sickness with some 50 kilometers (31 miles) to go on the 113.5-kilometer (70.4-mile) trek from Cluses — in the high mountains of the Savoie region — to Champéry in Switzerland. Several riders were affected by heavy winds and chilly conditions. The 34-year-old Fuglsang was pleasantly surprised at how he ended up winning.

"I was expecting the day to be even harder than it eventually happened to be, but my team controlled it in a perfect way from the beginning," the Astana rider said. "For me, it was a jump in a limousine until the finish."

Victory on stage 8 went to

Dutch rider Dylan van Baarle, who narrowly beat Jack Haig of Australia. It was Haig who launched an attack some 16 kilometers (10 miles) from the end, only for Van Baarle to catch him and beat him to the line in a sprint finish. Van Baarle is a Team Ineos teammate of four-time Tour de France champion Chris Froome, whose race ended dramatically on Wednesday when he hit the wall of a house during a training session ahead of a time trial. Froome is recovering following a six-hour operation after being airlifted from Roanne to Saint-Etienne hospital. The 34-year-old Froome broke his right femur, elbow and several ribs and has been ruled out of the Tour, which starts July 6 in Brussels.

Fuglsang is feeling confident heading into the showcase race.

"I'm looking forward to it. I think I'm on the right way. Up to now it's been a fantastic season for me," he said. "I hope it can get even better. Everything seems to come really easy and perfect, with no stress. The whole Astana team is riding super strong this year." □

Tyson Fury stays unbeaten, stops Tom Schwarz late 2nd round

By GREG BEACHAM

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tyson Fury put on a show before, during and after his first bout in the fight capital of the world.

The British heavyweight star stopped Tom Schwarz with 6 seconds left in the second round Saturday night, packing plenty of entertainment into his brief Las Vegas debut.

Fury (28-0-1, 20 KOs) made short work of his previously unbeaten German opponent, battering him with a jab before knocking him down to a knee in the second round right after Schwarz (24-1) landed a big punch. Fury pressed ahead after the knockdown and forced Schwarz's corner to throw in the towel before the bell.

Fighting for the first time since he dramatically rose from a devastating 12th-round knockdown to secure a draw with Deontay Wilder, Fury confirmed his world-class ability following his comeback last year from a 2 1/2-year ring absence.

"I came here to enjoy myself and put on a show for Las Vegas," Fury said. "I hope everybody enjoyed it as much as I did."

Although Fury already had memorable fights in New York and Los Angeles, the Manchester native wanted something special in Sin City, which he once vowed never to visit before he got a fight here.

The performance by the world's lineal heavyweight champion against an overmatched foe was just as

dominant as expected, but Fury's shenanigans before and after the bout at the MGM Grand Garden might prove to be even more memorable.

After Schwarz ring-walked to the mellow strains of Bob Marley, Fury appeared in red-white-and-blue gear — including a top hat — as he stepped through a cordon of showgirls. With a broad grin, he took the ring to James Brown's "Living in America," the entire entrance in homage to Apollo Creed's famed fictional entrance at the MGM Grand in "Rocky IV."

Unlike Creed, Fury survived and won.

And after the bout, Fury showed off his decent singing voice in what's becoming a post-fight tradition. With the microphone in his boxing glove, Fury serenaded his wife, Paris, with Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing."

The first fight of the 30-year-old Fury's lucrative new co-promotional deal with Top Rank was intended to introduce his violent skills and loquacious character to ESPN's large audience, and he did both — however briefly.

"The key tonight was to enjoy myself," Fury said. "I used the jab. I was slipping and sliding. I caught him with the straight left. It was a good shot. It could put anybody away. I put on an extra 12 pounds, and I could really feel (the power)."

After dominating the first round with his jab, Fury switched to a southpaw stance late in the sec-



Tyson Fury, of England, hits Tom Schwarz, of Germany, during a heavyweight boxing match Saturday, June 15, 2019, in Las Vegas.

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ond round, and Schwarz caught him with a shot. Fury got mad, battering Schwarz with a combination and dropping him to a knee with a huge right hand to the head.

Schwarz got up with a badly bloodied face, and Fury teed off, peppering his torturing opponent with big shots. Referee Kenny Bayless stopped it at roughly the same moment Schwarz's corner threw the white towel into the ring. The 6-foot-5 Schwarz is highly ranked by the WBO, but he had never fought outside his native Germany or the Czech Republic before Fury's camp picked him for this showcase bout. Schwarz was aware that just two weeks ago, Anthony Joshua was stopped by Andy Ruiz Jr. at Madison

Square Garden in one of the biggest upsets in recent boxing history. Schwarz never appeared to have a chance of pulling a similar upset — not with the 6-foot-9 Fury towering over him and fighting in crisp form. Fury said he plans to fight again on Sept. 21 or Oct. 5, "and next year, we're going to hold down Deontay Wilder and make him give me that green (WBC championship) belt."

Top Rank boss Bob Arum predicts Fury's next bout will be Oct. 5 in New York. "There is no heavyweight in the world that can beat him, now that he is in shape," Arum said. "Deontay Wilder is not going five rounds with him. We will have another fight (on Oct. 5), then we will fight Wilder." Fury improved to 3-0-1 since

returning from a 2 1/2-year ring absence while he battled substance abuse, depression, enormous weight gain and suicidal thoughts. Fury's life fell apart after he won multiple title belts with his stunning victory over Vladimir Klitschko in 2015, but he has put it back together with bigger goals in mind.

With a gentler public persona and a commitment to opening dialogue about mental health issues, Fury's redemption has rekindled the interest of many boxing fans turned off by his past homophobic and sexist statements.

Although Fury had to relinquish his titles during his ring absence, he is still the heavyweight division's lineal champion as the man who beat Klitschko. □

Maximum Security beaten in first start since Derby DQ

By TOM CANAVAN

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — Maximum Security returned to racing for the first time since being disqualified in the Kentucky Derby, and simply got beat.

There was no controversy this time.

King for a Day stalked Maximum Security from the start, took the lead in the stretch and posted a one-length victory over the overwhelming favor-

ite in the \$150,000 Pegasus Stakes at Monmouth Park on Sunday.

It marked the first time Maximum Security has not crossed the finish line first in six career starts. The Jason Servis-trained colt, who went off at odds of 1-20, stumbled at the start but that didn't prevent him from leading until late in the stretch.

Owned by Gary and Mary West, Maximum Security

finished 1 3/4 lengths in front of Country House in the Kentucky Derby on May 4 but was disqualified by Churchill Downs stewards for interference with eventual Preakness winner War of Will.

It marked the first time in the 145-year history of the Derby that the first-place finisher was disqualified for interference.

Maximum Security and regular rider Luis Saez broke

from the No. 2 post and quickly took the lead in the field of six 3-year-olds.

Jockey Joe Bravo moved King for a Day from the No. 3 post to his flank and the two made this a two-horse race until the Todd Pletcher-trained winner wore down Maximum Security. King for a Day, who won the Sir Barton at Pimlico on the Preakness undercard, covered the 1 1/16 mile race in 1:42.59. The son of Uncle

Mo paid \$13.80, \$2.40 and \$2.20 for his third victory in five career starts.

Maximum Security returned \$2.10 and \$2.10. Direct Order finished third and returned \$3.80.

Last Judgment was fourth, followed by Identifier and Caladan. Servis was not sure earlier this week whether to run Maximum Security because he was not happy with how he looked in training. □

'Deepfakes' called new election threat, with no easy fix

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Deepfake" videos pose a clear and growing threat to America's national security, lawmakers and experts say. The question is what to do about it, and that's not easily answered.

A House Intelligence Committee hearing Thursday served up a public warning about the deceptive powers of artificial intelligence software and offered a sobering assessment of how fast the technology is outpacing efforts to stop it.

With a crudely altered video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., fresh on everyone's minds, lawmakers heard from experts how difficult it will be to combat these fakes and prevent them from being used to interfere in the 2020 election. "We don't have a general solution," said David Doermann, a former official with Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. "This is a cat and a mouse game." As the ability to detect such videos improves, so does the technology used to make them.

The videos are made using facial mapping and artificial intelligence. The altered video of Pelosi, which was viewed more than 3 million times on social media, gave only a glimpse of what the technology can do. Experts dismissed the clip, which was slowed down to make it appear that Pelosi was slurring her



Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, center, is joined by, from left, Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, Rep. Brad Wenstrup, R-Ohio, Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., during a hearing on politically motivated fake videos and manipulated media, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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words, as nothing more than a "cheap fake."

Rep. Adam Schiff, the committee chairman, said the Pelosi video "demonstrates the scale of the challenge we face." But he said he fears a more "nightmarish scenario," with these video spreading disinformation about a political candidate and the public struggling to separate fact from fiction.

The technology, said Schiff, D-Calif., has "the capacity to disrupt entire campaigns, including that for the presidency."

Doermann said the threat has grown worse due to the proliferation of what was once specialized technology. Creating convincing fabricated videos once required expensive equipment and software, but now "a high school student with a good computer" can do it, he said.

"It's not something that you have to be an (artificial intelligence) expert to run. A novice can run these types of things," he said.

Schiff told reporters after the hearing he believes federal regulation aimed

at curbing deepfakes is "worthy of serious consideration." But he said the problem will never be completely solved, only suppressed.

Clint Watts, a research fellow with the Foreign Policy Research Institute, suggested tech companies should play a role in deciding which false videos should be taken down from the internet. But that idea drew skepticism from the committee's top Republican, California Rep. Devin Nunes. He raised concerns about granting too much

authority to tech giants such as Facebook and Twitter to make judgment calls about content.

Nunes claimed that current filters have a pro-liberal bias. "Most of the time it's conservatives who get banned," he said. "It's all in who's building the filter, right?" (Nunes has sued Twitter and several of the platform's users, accusing them of defaming him.)

Danielle Citron, a University of Maryland Law professor, told lawmakers that many of the laws regulating online video date back decades and need to be overhauled to keep pace with the growing threat.

"We have an audience primed to believe things like manipulated video of lawmakers," Citron said. "I would hate to see the deepfake where a prominent lawmaker is purported to ... (be) seen taking a bribe that you never took."

U.S. intelligence officials have repeatedly warned about the threat of foreign meddling in American politics, especially in the lead-up to elections.

U.S. officials determined Russia carried out a sweeping political disinformation campaign on U.S. social media to influence the 2016 election. The director of national intelligence, Dan Coats, has said Russia attempted to meddle in the 2018 midterm elections, but was unsuccessful. □

Chinese cyberattack hits messaging app during HK protest



The website of the Telegram messaging app is seen on a computer's screen in Beijing, Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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By YANAN WANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — An encrypted messaging app said Thursday that it was hit by a powerful cyberattack from China as a major protest unfolded in Hong Kong. The attack on the Telegram app, which slowed connectivity but did not compromise user data, came as thousands surrounded Hong Kong government headquarters on Wednesday to protest legislation that would allow people to be extradited to mainland China to stand trial. They protesters were forc-

ibly dispersed by police using tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets. They did not assemble again on Thursday and debate over the legislation was delayed.

Telegram CEO Pavel Durov tweeted that most of the attackers had IP addresses from China.

"Historically, all state actor-sized (attacks) we experienced coincided in time with protests in Hong Kong," Durov said. "This case was not an exception."

Activists in both Hong Kong and mainland China often use Telegram to organize

protests in hopes the encryption will allow them to evade the government surveillance of Chinese social networking apps such as WeChat.

Whereas WeChat users reported this week that photos of the protests could not be viewed, apps like Telegram offer more privacy and independence. Telegram is blocked in mainland China, but users can access it using software to circumvent the firewall, which also blocks apps and websites ranging from Facebook to The New York Times. □

Car buyers' best cost-saving move: shop for a loan first

By PHILIP REED

NerdWallet

Associated Press

With the cost to own a new vehicle rising, it's more important than ever to consider what you'll pay for a car loan and to shop for the best interest rate.

The average new car loan interest rate reached 5.5% in 2018, up about one percentage point from the previous year, according to Ben Bartosch, J.D. Power's manager of forecast analytics. Meanwhile, a new car purchase price is \$33,000, on average, he says. That means a buyer will pay thousands of dollars in interest on a 60-month loan.

Indeed, many car owners report feeling stressed by their debt. A recent Harris Poll survey of 2,000 Americans for Fair, which provides cars each month for a flat fee, found that 47% of people who've had auto loan debt say it's taken away some of their peace of mind. With the shift in the loan market, anyone looking to buy a car or refinance a loan needs smart strategies. Here are five things financial and automotive experts say will help you lock in financing that fits your budget.



In this May 19, 2019, file photo, a line of unsold 2019 Tucson sports-utility vehicles sits at a Hyundai dealership in Littleton, Colo.

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1. CHECK YOUR CREDIT

If you don't know your credit score, you don't know what interest rate you could qualify for. Additionally, if you find a problem on your credit report, you can fix it before entering the car-buying process. And, if you already have a loan, you may be able to refinance into a lower rate and payment if your credit is stronger than when you started the loan.

Your credit score is avail-

able for free from many personal finance websites, banks and credit card issuers. And you can use AnnualCreditReport.com to request the free credit reports you're entitled to every 12 months from the three major credit bureaus.

2. SHOP AROUND FOR THE BEST RATE

The loan-shopping process should start long before the car-buying process, Bartosch says. Calling around, or submitting online ap-

plications, could save you hundreds of dollars.

"Most people just think of going to the dealer to get a loan," says Sonia Steinway, president of auto loan company Outside Financial. But, "There's a whole world of options available to them." She says credit unions offer some of the lowest rates and the best customer service.

To compare loan offers, keep these terms the same:

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dition to the negotiated purchase price of the car, sales tax and fees will increase the amount you'll need to borrow.

—DOWN PAYMENT. The more you put down, the less you have to borrow, saving you money on interest — and it might help qualify you for a better rate.

—LOAN TERM. Experts recommend 60-month loans for new cars and 36 months for used vehicles.

3. DESIGN A LOAN YOU CAN AFFORD

Once you know the interest rate you qualify for, use a car loan calculator to estimate your monthly payment. Aim to spend no more than 10% of your take-home pay on your loan payment and less than 20% for total car expenses, which also includes gas, insurance, repairs and maintenance.

If you're refinancing, extending your loan term can lower your monthly payment, but you may pay more in interest overall. Use an auto loan refinance calculator to see if you'll save money by refinancing.

4. GET PREAPPROVED FOR A CAR LOAN

Preapproval can help you get the most competitive rate. □

Stocks don't always get a boost when the Fed cuts rates

By ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press

When the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, or even hints that it's about to, investors cheer.

That's because lowering rates stokes the overall economy, which sends stock prices higher — usually, that is.

The Fed has initiated 16 rate cut cycles since World War II. In 11 of those cycles, the stock market was higher six months later, and was still higher 12-months later in 13 of them.

Still, sometimes it takes longer for the gains to materialize. Five times since World War II, the S&P 500 was down six months after the start of a Fed rate cut cycle. That includes the 2001

and 2007 cycles, which corresponded with major recessions. The market was still down sharply 12 months after the Fed began to cut rates in each of those years. "Rate cuts haven't always led to market recoveries," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

The Fed is facing pressure to cut rates amid signs of slowing economic growth. The benefits of the 2017 tax cuts have waned and President Donald Trump's tariff threats with China and Mexico have roiled financial markets.

Last week, Fed Chair Jerome Powell set off a rally on Wall Street after he signaled that the Fed is willing to cut interest rates to help

stabilize the economy if the trade war between Washington and Beijing starts to crimp growth. A majority of investors expect a rate cut at the Fed's July meeting, according to the CME Group. If it does, should investors expect the move to boost stocks six months from now? Or a replay of the Fed rate cuts over the past two decades?

Stovall says it's likely that a Fed rate cut this year will drive stocks higher, as he doesn't see major parallels now with the economy and markets in 2001 and 2007.

That doesn't mean the market will necessarily be spared more volatility in coming months, given the market's jitters over the U.S.-China trade dispute and



In this June 4, 2019, file photo Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks at a conference involving its review of its interest-rate policy strategy and communications in Chicago.

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the damage it could do to the global economy and corporate profits.

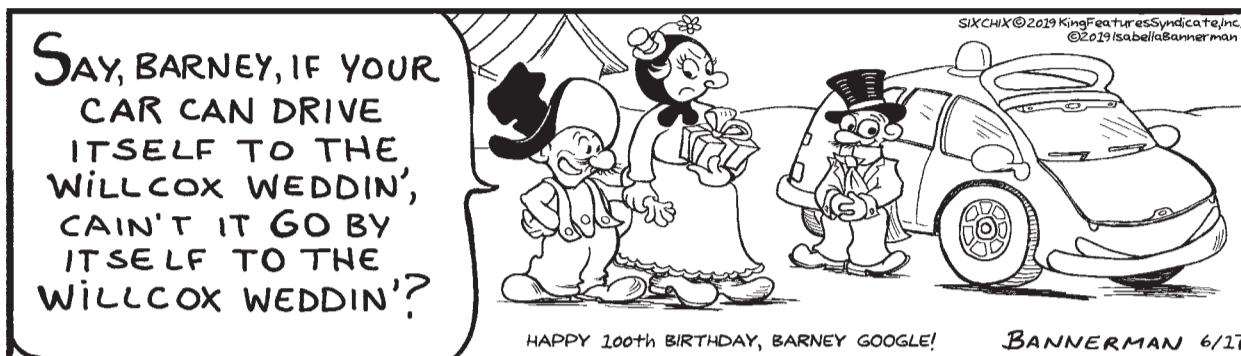
"Recessions have not been repealed, but maybe they could be postponed,"

Stovall said. "Maybe what we find is that a rate cut, or a series of rate cuts, helps this bull market last a little bit longer, but it's probably just delaying the inevitable." □

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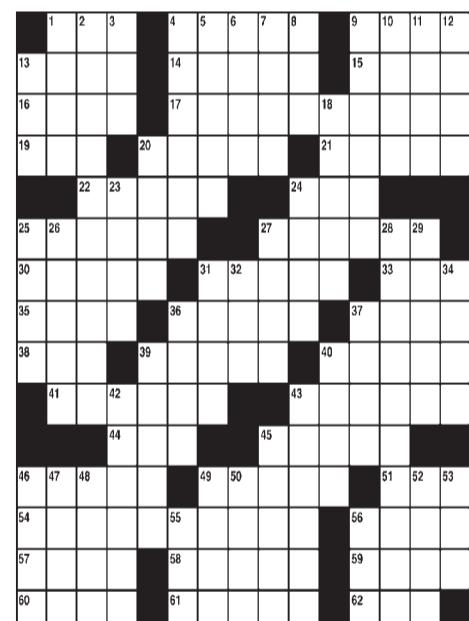
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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39 At a loss for __; tongue-tied
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54 Not at all radical
56 Besmirk
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Zero elephants poached in a year in top Africa wildlife park

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — One of Africa's largest wildlife preserves is marking a year without a single elephant found killed by poachers, which experts call an extraordinary development in an area larger than Switzerland where thousands of the animals have been slaughtered in recent years.

The apparent turnaround in Niassa reserve in a remote region of northern Mozambique comes after the introduction of a rapid intervention police force and more assertive patrolling and response by air, according to the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society, which manages the reserve with Mozambique's government and several other partners. Monitoring of the vast reserve with aerial surveys and foot patrols remains incomplete and relies on sampling, however. And despite the sign of progress, it could take many years for Niassa's elephant population to rebuild to its former levels even if poaching is kept under control.

Aggressive poaching over the years had cut the num-



In this photo supplied by Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) elephants drink water at a watering hole near Mbamba Village, in the Niassa game reserve, in an area larger than Switzerland it is one of Africa's largest wildlife preserves in Mozambique, Sept. 26, 2016.

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ber of Niassa's elephants from about 12,000 to little over 3,600 in 2016, according to an aerial survey. Anti-poaching strategies from 2015 to 2017 reduced the number killed but the conservation group called the rate still far too high.

The new interventions, with Mozambican President Felipe Nyusi personally authorizing the rapid intervention force, have led partners to hope that Niassa's el-

ephants "stand a genuine chance for recovery," the conservation group said. "It is a remarkable achievement," James Bampton, country director with the Wildlife Conservation Society, told The Associated Press. He said he discovered the year free of poaching deaths while going through data. The last time an elephant in the Niassa reserve was recorded killed by a poacher

was May 17, 2018, he said. Political will is a key reason for the success, Bampton said, with Mozambique's president keen to see poaching reduced. Bampton acknowledged that the low number of remaining elephants is also a factor in the decline in poaching. A year ago, he estimated that fewer than 2,000 elephants remained in Niassa, though he now says preliminary analysis of

data from a survey conducted in October and not yet published indicated that about 4,000 elephants are in the reserve.

Still, a year that appears to be free of elephant poaching in the sprawling reserve drew exclamations from some wildlife experts.

"It is a major and very important development that poaching has ceased. This represents a major success," George Wittemyer, who chairs the scientific board for the Kenya-based organization Save the Elephants, told the AP.

The new rapid intervention police force is an elite unit that is better-armed than the reserve's normal rangers and has "a bit of a reputation of being quite hard," Bampton said, adding that no "bad incidents" have been reported in Niassa. Members of the force are empowered to arrest suspected poachers, put together a case within 72 hours and submit it to the local prosecutor, Bampton said. "Just being caught with a firearm is considered intent to illegal hunting," with a maximum prison sentence of 16 years. □



In this May 6, 2019 file photo, Duat Mai stands atop a dead whale at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. Federal officials are asking waterfront landowners in western Washington to volunteer their properties to be the final resting place for dead gray whales.

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Washington state waterfront owners asked to take dead whales

PORT HADLOCK, Wash. (AP) — At least one Washington state waterfront landowner has said yes to a request to allow dead gray whales to decompose on their property.

So many gray whale carcasses have washed up this year that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries says it has run out of places to take them.

In response, the agency has asked landowners to volunteer property as a disposal site for the carcasses. By doing so, landowners can support the natural process of the marine environment, and skeletons left behind can be used for educational purposes, officials said.

But the carcasses can be

up to 40 feet (12 meters) long. That's a lot to decay, and it could take months. Landowner Mario Rivera of Port Hadlock, Washington, told KING5-TV that the smell is intermittent and "isn't that bad."

"It is really a unique opportunity to have this here on the beach and monitor it and see how fast it goes," said his wife, Stefanie Worwag.

The federal agency said that about 30 whales have stranded on Washington's coast this year, the most in two decades.

On the U.S. West coast, about 70 whales have been found dead this year along California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska, the most since 2000. About five were found on British

Columbia beaches. Still, that's a small fraction of the total number because most sink or wash up in remote areas and are unrecorded.

NOAA Fisheries late last month declared the die-off an "unusual mortality event," and provided additional resources to respond to the deaths.

"With the unusual mortality event of these gray whales, we know more whales will be coming in, or there is a high likelihood that more whales will die within Puget Sound and out on the coast," said Port Townsend Marine Science Center Citizen Science Coordinator Betsy Carlson.

Officials say the gray whale population remains strong at about 27,000. □

Toxic masculinity in a sitcom package in 'Shaft'

By LINDSEY BAHR

The latest "Shaft," which adds a new generation of bad mother----- to the mix, is not what you might expect. It's not gritty or raw or even attempting to be all that cool. Instead it maintains intoxicatingly upbeat sitcom-style energy, with gentrification jokes, generational jabs (mostly at the expense of millennials) and Samuel L. Jackson, reprising his nearly 20-year-old

role as John Shaft II, seemingly having a blast every step of the way.

It's not that it's sanitized or without violence. There are guns, many of them, and of the automatic assault variety. But this is the kind of movie that will play The Ronettes' "Be My Baby" during a big shootout, and not in a Scorsese kind of way. It's hard not to be on board with the liveliness and the generally sharp writing. The



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows from left, Jessie Usher, Samuel Jackson and Richard Roundtree in a scene from "Shaft."

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film starts off so well, too, and as most movies really should, in 1989 Harlem. Regina Hall (Maya) is dressing down Shaft for his reckless life choices and he's not really having it, but their conversation gets interrupted by an ambush that almost kills Maya and the baby we find out later is in the back seat. So Maya moves up-state to the suburbs with little John Shaft Jr. (or J.J.) to raise him away from dan-

ger (and his father). Shaft is there in J.J.'s life through the occasional Christmas present which, over the years include a New York Giants Super Bowl XXV ring, Magnum condoms and pornography magazines. But despite his attempts to raise a mini-mother----- from afar, J.J. grows up to be a nice young fellow and M.I.T. grad who wears slim fitting jeans and shirts buttoned

all the way to the top and works for the FBI (aka "the man"). He's played, charmingly, by Jessie T. Usher. The mysterious death of his friend, and his inability to investigate on his own, leads him to his dad's office to ask for some help. He gets more than he bargained for in terms of late-game fatherly advice on how J.J. is failing to be a man, and, specifically, a black man worthy of the Shaft name. □

Investigation begins into supposed voice of Frida Kahlo

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Frida Kahlo's voice may have finally been unearthed, say researchers at Mexico's National Sound Library.

Library officials say it would be the first record of the Mexican artist's voice if confirmed.

The director of the Frida Kahlo Museum, Hilda Trujillo, told The Associated Press on Thursday that "there's still a long way to go" to verify the voice in question.

"I personally think that the art world has to be very strict in its judgment and can't rush to assumptions," Trujillo said.

Investigations will involve sound library officials, engineers, audio experts and even still-living sources. Trujillo said she is optimistic that there are still "enough elements to do a rigorous

analysis."

The 90-second audio clip from a 1950s pilot episode of the Mexican radio program "The Bachelor" consists of a woman describing Kahlo's former husband and painting partner, Diego Rivera.

"He's a large child, massive, with a friendly face and sad look," the woman's voice says. "His bulging, dark, intelligent and big eyes are difficult to detain."

Kahlo is not directly identified by the narrator, but her voice is introduced as "she who no longer exists." Library officials estimate that the program was released in 1955 or 1956, a year or two after Kahlo died.

The voice is notable for its light and smooth tone, which contradicts previously held assumptions of the artist. □



In this April 14, 1939 file photo, painter and surrealist Frida Kahlo, who was the wife of noted Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, poses at her home in Mexico City.

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"I would have imagined that it would be a bit deeper and worn out," Trujillo told AP. She noted that Kahlo was very sick at the end of her life and was a heavy smoker and drinker. □

"Romeo and Juliet" director Franco Zeffirelli dies at 96

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, who delighted audiences around the world with his romantic vision and extravagant productions, most famously captured in "Romeo and Juliet" and the miniseries "Jesus of Nazareth," died Saturday at 96.

While Zeffirelli was most known for his films, his name was inextricably linked to the theater and opera. He produced classics for the world's most famous opera houses, from Milan's venerable La Scala to the Metropolitan Opera in New York, and plays for London and Italian stages.

Zeffirelli's son Luciano said his father died at home in Rome.

He made it his mission to make culture accessible to the masses, often seeking inspiration in literary greats for his films, and producing operas for TV audiences. Zeffirelli once likened himself to a sultan with a harem of three: film, theater and opera.

"I am not a film director. I am a director who uses different instruments to express his dreams and his stories — to make people dream," Zeffirelli told The Associated Press in a 2006 interview.

Born on Feb. 12, 1923, in the outskirts of Florence, Zeffirelli



Franco Zeffirelli is shown in this Friday Oct. 16, 2009 file photo, in Rome. Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, famed for operas, films and television, has died in Rome at the age of 96.

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became one of Italy's most prolific directors, working with such opera greats as Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Maria Callas, and Hollywood stars including Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Mel Gibson, Cher and Judi Dench.

Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte described Zeffirelli "was an Italian ambassador of cinema, art and beauty."

Throughout his career, Zeffirelli took risks. His screen success in America was a rarity among Italian filmmakers.

He was one of the few Ital-

ian directors close to the Vatican, and the church turned to Zeffirelli's theatrical touch for live telecasts of the 1978 papal installation and the 1983 Holy Year opening ceremonies in St. Peter's Basilica.

But Zeffirelli was best known outside Italy for his colorful, softly-focused romantic films. His 1968 "Romeo and Juliet" brought Shakespeare's tale to a new generation, and his 1973 "Brother Sun, Sister Moon," told the life of St. Francis in parables.

"Romeo and Juliet" set box-office records in the United

States, though it was made with two unknown actors, Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey. The film, which cost \$1.5 million, grossed \$52 million and became one of the most successful Shakespearean movies ever.

A year earlier, he directed Taylor and Burton in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."

His 1977 made-for-television "Life of Jesus" became an instant classic with its portrayal of a Christ who seemed authentic and relevant. The film earned over \$300 million worldwide.

But controversy was never

far away. In 1978, he threatened to leave Italy because of attacks by some Italians who saw Zeffirelli as an exponent of Hollywood. And when piqued by American criticism of his 1981 movie "Endless Love," starring Brooke Shields, Zeffirelli said he might never make another film in the U.S. The movie, as he predicted, was a box office success. In his 2006 autobiography, Zeffirelli recounted how his mother attended her husband's funeral pregnant with another man's child. Unable to give the baby either her name or his father's, she tried to name him Zeffiretti, after an aria in Mozart's "Idomeneo." But a typographical error made it Zeffirelli.

His mother died of tuberculosis when he was 6, and Zeffirelli went to live with his father's cousin.

There, Zeffirelli developed the passions that would shape his life. The first was for opera, after seeing Wagner's "Walkuere" at age 8 or 9 in Florence. The second was a love of English culture and literature, after his father started him on thrice-weekly English lessons.

His experiences with the British expatriate community under fascism, and their disbelief that they would be victimized by Benito Mussolini's regime, were at the heart of the semi-autobiographical 1991 film "Tea with Mussolini."

As a youth, Zeffirelli served with the partisans during World War II. He later acted as an interpreter for British troops.

After a short-lived acting career, Zeffirelli worked with Luchino Visconti's theatrical company in Rome, where he showed a flair for dramatic staging in "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Troilus and Cressida."

In 1950, he worked in lyric theater as a director, set designer and costumist, bringing new life to works by his favorites: Mozart, Rossini, Donizetti and Verdi. Over the next decade, he staged operas, romantic melodramas and contemporary works in theaters. □

21 Savage donates \$25K for legal aid for detained immigrants



In this Monday, May 6, 2019 file photo, Rapper 21 Savage attends The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating the opening of the "Camp: Notes on Fashion" exhibition in New York.

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ATLANTA (AP) — Grammy-nominated rapper 21 Savage has given \$25,000 to the Southern Poverty Law Center after the watchdog organization helped him while he was in federal immigration custody earlier this year.

The rapper, whose real name is She'yaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, was arrested Feb. 3 in what U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has said was a targeted operation over his expired visa. Abraham-Jo-

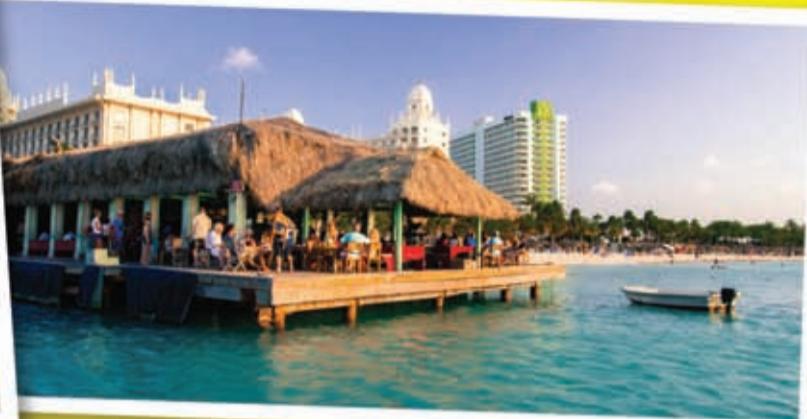
seph is a British citizen and moved to the U.S. when he was 7.

In a statement, immigration attorney Charles Kuck said that the Atlanta-based rapper wants to support the work the SPLC has done to give immigrants legal representation and fight what Kuck called ICE's "oppressively adverse conditions of detention."

The rapper spent 10 days at the Irwin County Detention Center before he was released on a \$100,000 bond. □

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Zachary Levi's nerves growing before MTV Movie & TV Awards

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zachary Levi plays a bulletproof superhero in "Shazam!," but the actor's nerves of steel are being tested leading up to his hosting duties for the MTV Movie & TV Awards.

Levi knows those anxious feelings will be amplified when he first steps onstage to tape the ceremony Saturday night. But he believes showing what he called the "best version" of himself will ultimately put him at ease. "This is the biggest thing I've ever hosted," he said in an interview earlier this week. "There are some nerves starting to build a little. ... But I want to encourage people and not take things too seriously. I want myself and everyone else to feel at ease and feel like they're in their safe place."

Levi said he's hosted other shows before, but nothing as big as the gender-

neutral MTV Movie & TV Awards, which airs June 17. He follows the footsteps of previous hosts including Tiffany Haddish, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Amy Schumer and Kevin Hart. This year, "Avengers: Endgame," "Game of Thrones" and "RBG" are the top nominees at the ceremony, which will be held in Santa Monica, California. The show will introduce new categories including reality royalty, most meme-able moment and best real-life hero.

"Endgame" will compete for best movie against "BlacKkKlansman," "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," "Us" and "To All the Boys I've Loved Before." The Marvel superhero film also earned nods in the best fight category and for stars Robert Downey Jr. and Josh Brolin. Singers Lizzo and Bazzi will hit the stage for musical performances.

Jada Pinkett Smith will be

honored with the Trailblazer Award, which recognizes "game-changing creators with fresh and fearless voices in entertainment." The actress will be presented with the award by Haddish, who was Pinkett Smith's costar in "Girls Trip."

Johnson will receive the Generation Award for his contributions in television and film, and becoming a household name. Past recipients include Will Smith, Robert Downey Jr. and Reese Witherspoon.

Along with Levi's hosting duties, he could come away with a golden popcorn statue or two: The actor is nominated for best hero and best comedic performance through his role as an adult superhero in "Shazam!"

Levi said the film created a bigger platform for his career. The actor said script-writing for the sequel has already begun and expects to start filming either in late



Zachary Levi poses for a portrait in Santa Monica, Calif., Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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spring or early summer next year.

"This awards show is an extension of what 'Shazam!' has brought me," said Levi, whose breakthrough came in the NBC spy comedy "Chuck." He's also starred in the TV series "The Marvelous

Mrs. Maisel" and appeared in the film "Thor: The Dark World."

"It's helped me jump into a higher caliber of hosting," he said. "I love feeling joy and love bringing joy. With this show, I think that is the best approach." □

400 years later, natives who helped Pilgrims gain a voice

By WILLIAM J. KOLE

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PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) —

The seaside town where the Pilgrims came ashore in 1620 is gearing up for a 400th birthday bash, and everyone's invited — especially the native people whose ancestors wound up losing their land and their lives.

Plymouth, Massachusetts, whose European settlers have come to symbolize American liberty and grit, marks its quadricentennial in 2020 with a trans-Atlantic commemoration that will put Native Americans' unvarnished side of the story on full display.

"It's history. It happened," said Michele Pecoraro, executive director of Plymouth 400, Inc., a nonprofit group organizing yearlong events. "We're not going to solve every problem and make everyone feel better. We just need to move the needle."

Organizers are understandably cautious this time around. When the 350th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing was observed in 1970, state officials disinited a leader of the Wampanoag Nation — the Native American tribe that helped the haggard newcomers survive their first bitter winter — after learning his speech would bemoan the disease, racism and oppression that followed the Pilgrims.

That triggered angry demonstrations from tribal members who staged a National Day of Mourning, a somber



In this Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, photo, Mashpee Wampanoag Kerri Helme, of Fairhaven, Mass., uses plant fiber to weave a basket while sitting next to a fire at the Wampanoag Homesite at Plimoth Plantation, in Plymouth, Mass.

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remembrance that indigenous New Englanders have observed on every Thanksgiving Day since.

This time, there's pressure to get it right, said Jim Peters, a Wampanoag who directs the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs. "We'll be able to tell some stories of what happened to us — to delve back into our history and talk about it," Peters said. "Hopefully it will give us a chance to re-educate people and have a national discussion about how we should be treating each other."

The commemoration known as Plymouth 400 will feature events throughout 2020, including a maritime salute in Plymouth Harbor in June, an embarkation

festival in September, and a week of ceremonies around Thanksgiving.

The Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that carried the settlers from Europe to the New World four centuries ago, will sail to Boston in the spring. That autumn, it will head to Provincetown, at the outermost tip of Cape Cod, where the Pilgrims initially landed before continuing on to Plymouth.

Events also are planned in Britain and in the Netherlands, where the Pilgrims spent 11 years in exile before making their perilous sea crossing.

But the emphasis is on highlighting the often-ignored history of the Wampanoag and poking holes in the false narrative that Pilgrims and Indians coexisted in peace and harmony.

An interactive exhibit now making the rounds describes how the Wampanoag were cheated and enslaved, and in August 2020 tribal members will guide visitors on a walk through Plymouth to point out and consecrate spots where their ancestors once trod. There are also plans to invite relatives of the late Wampanoag elder Wamsutta "Frank" James to publicly read that speech he wasn't allowed to deliver in 1970 — an address that includes this passage:

"We, the Wampanoag, welcomed you, the white man, with open arms, little knowing that it was the beginning of the end."

"The Pilgrims had hardly explored the shores of Cape Cod for four days before they had robbed the graves of my ancestors and stolen their corn and beans," the speech reads.

Dusty Rhodes, who chairs a

separate state commission

working to ensure the com-

memoration has a global profile, said she hopes it all helps make amends for centuries of "mishandled and misrepresented" history.

"The Pilgrims were the first immigrants," said Plymouth 400's Pecoraro. "We're in a place in this country where we need solidarity. We need to come together. We need to be talking about immigration and indigenous people."

Plymouth, nicknamed "America's Hometown," is sure to draw a crush of 2020 presidential candidates who will use its monuments as campaign backdrops. With President Donald Trump, Queen Elizabeth II and other heads of state on the invitation list, state and federal authorities already are busy mapping out security plans.

Wampanoag tribal leader and activist Linda Coombs, who's helped plan the commemoration, is skeptical that anything meaningful will change for her people.

"It's a world stage, so we'll have more visibility than we've had in the past," she said. "We'll see if it's enough. It'll be a measuring stick for all that has to come afterward." □



In this Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, photo, visitors to Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum village where visitors can get a glimpse into the world of the 1627 Pilgrim village, walk among buildings, in Plymouth, Mass.

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In this Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, photo, Mashpee Wampanoag Phillip Wynne, pours water to control fire and temperatures while making a mishoon, a type of boat, from a tree at the Wampanoag Homesite at Plimoth Plantation, in Plymouth, Mass.

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